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INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: EQUATORIAL GUINEA-PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

REF: A) YAOUNDE 1032; B) STATE 69726; C) DOUALA A-24 OF OCT 8, 1974

1. SUMMARY: AMOCO REPS MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL TO PRES MACIAS OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA FOR OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE.

2. AMOCO REPS HUMPHREY AND HART ARRIVED DOUALA LATE APRIL 2. THEY DID NOT PROCEED ON TO YAOUNDE, BUT HUMPHREY SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR BY PHONE. LATTER REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF ASSURING THAT MACIAS BE GIVEN CLEAR IDEA OF AMOCO REQUIREMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES TO FORESTALL LATER MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND SUSPICIONS.

3. AMOCO REPS SAW PRESIDENT MACIAS IN BATA ON APRIL 3 AND PRESENTED LETTER WITH SIX ANNEXES THAT REQUESTED "EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERTAKE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES FOR AMOCO IN AREA ONSHORE

AND PARTLY OFFSHORE OF REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SQUARE MILES." UNDERSTAND THIS INCLUDES AREA ROUGHLY THIRTY KILOMETERS ONSHORE (ALL ON RIO MUNI) AND 100 KILOMETERS OFFSHORE WHICH FOLLOWS ROCK OUT-CROPPINGS AND 1,000 METER DEPTH LINE, RESPECTIVELY. AREA EXTENDS FROM NORTHERN TO SOUTHERN BORDER OF RIO MUNI AND INCLUDES THAT GRANTED TO ARACCA PETROLEUM (REF C). WHEN THIS CALLED TO MACIAS ATTENTION BY VISITORS, PRESIDENT SAID AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED ARACCA HAD HAD TWO YEARS AND THEY WERE NOW FINISHED. PRESIDENT UPSET THAT NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAD COME, SIGNED CONTRACTS, DONE LITTLE OR NO WORK AND, WITHOUT TELLING HIM ANYTHINGS, JUST WALKED AWAY. AMOCO REPS ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD SHARE AMOCO INFO WITH HIM.

4. PROPOSED CONTRACT PROVIDES THAT WITHIN TWO YEARS AMOCO WILL UNDERTAKE MINIMUM 1,000 LINE MILES SEISMIC COVERAGE AT COST OF DOLS 300,000. THIS PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE WITHIN SIX MONTHS PROVIDED CONTRACT CONCLUDED GIVING AMOCO EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES FOR EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. REPS ALSO HAD WITH THEM A PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT, PROVIDING FOR FIFTY-FIFTY SPLIT ONCE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COSTS MET, BUT THIS NOT RPT NOT GIVEN PRESIDENT AS THEY WERE UNSURE OF EFFECT OF RECENT CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION ON THEIR TAX POSITION. (THEY ALSO LACKED THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORITY TO SIGN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT.) WHILE FAVORING PRODUCTION SHARING, AMOCO MAY BE FORCED TO SIGN CONCESSION AGREEMENT IN ORDER OBTAIN US TAX BENEFIS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, DOUALA CONSUL ADVISED THEM NOT RPT NOT TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL ANYTHING COMPANY COULD NOT RPT NOT LIVE WITH.

5. AMOCO REPS LEFT SIGNED DOCUMENTS WITH PRESIDENT WHO AGREED TO STUDY, SIGN AND RETURN THEM THROUGH EG EMBASSY YAOUNDE TO AMEMBASSY FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION. AMOCO REPS WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED AND THEY HOPE RETURN IN THREE MONTHS WITH FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT AND DETAILS ON IMPLEMENTING SEISMIC PROGRAM.

6. CONSULATE SENDING COPIES CONTRACT AND PROPOSAL LETTER SOONEST.

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